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Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: Application of Electric Power Board of Chattanooga for
a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Docket No. 97-07488

Dear Mr. Waddell:

We are enclosing for filing an original and thirteen (13)
copies of a Motion for Extension of Time in the above-referenced
matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Smith
For the Firm

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Russell Gill (w/enc.)
Parties of Record

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**BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC)
POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)
TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)

Docket No. 97-07488

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Comes the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga ("EPB"), by and through counsel, and moves the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") to extend the time for EPB's response to data requests of the Authority's staff and for the Authority's hearing of EPB's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "Application") to become a competing telecommunications service provider. In support of this Motion, EPB states as follows:

1. On October 21, 1997, EPB filed the Application with the Authority.
2. On November 3, 1997, the Authority issued its Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing on the Application for December 2, 1997.
3. On November 7, 1997, Mr. Russell Gill of the Authority's Telecommunications Division propounded a set of data requests to EPB concerning matters raised in the Application, which responses are due on November 21, 1997.
4. EPB respectfully requests that it be granted until December 10 to respond to the Authority's data requests and that

the Authority reschedule the hearing on the Application on a convenient hearing date on or after January 14, 1998.

WHEREFORE, EPB prays:

1. That it be permitted through and until December 10, 1997 to respond to the Authority's data requests; and

2. That the Authority reschedule the hearing on the Application on a convenient hearing date on or after January 14, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and exact copy of the within and foregoing Application on behalf of the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, via United States mail, first class postage prepared and properly addressed to the following:

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